GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3532
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2002
TERRORIST ATTACK ON AMERICAN INFORMATION CENTRE
TARACHAND BHAGORA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorists arrested by the police alongwith Farhan Malik alias Aftab Ansari who claimed the responsibility of carrying out attack on American Information Centre in Kolkata;

(b) whether a number of Government officials and police personnel have been found involved in issuing passport to Aftab Ansari;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the action taken against the officials responsible therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): As per information furnished by the State Government of West Bengal, so far, seven persons have been arrested in connection with the attack on US Information Centre, Kolkata.

(b),(c)&(d): As per information furnished by the State Government of Bihar, five persons including some government officials, found prima-facie involved in connection with issuing passport to Farhan Mallick have been arrested by the Police as part of the ongoing investigations.